

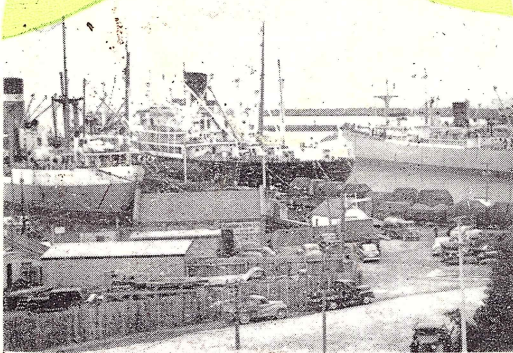
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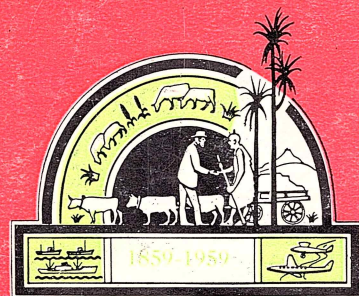
The Centennial of Sunny South Canterbury



the first hundred years



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January 14, 1959, marks the centenary of the arrival of the "Strathallan" with the first settlers to reach Timaru by sea.

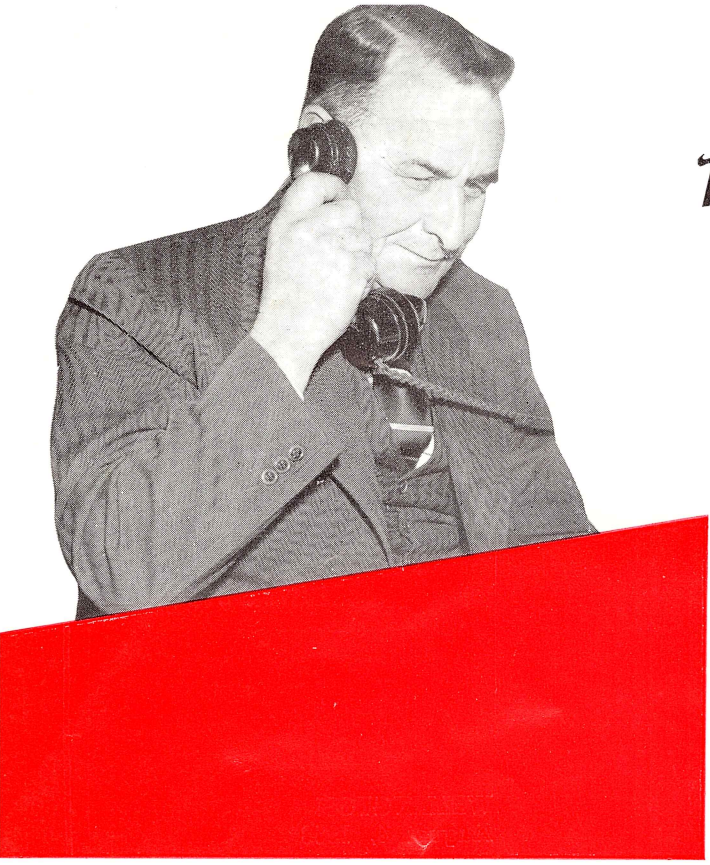
The subsequent development of the South Canterbury District, so well endowed by Nature, and the progress of the City, Port and other towns, speak much for the foresight and enterprise of those early pioneers and their successors.

It gives me much pleasure to convey to the people of South Canterbury my warmest congratulations on their splendid achievement to date, and my best wishes for the success of the Centenary Celebrations and the continued progress of the District in the future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. G. Ham."

Governor-General

Message from the President



In South Canterbury, we are at the turn of a century and, as we pause and briefly look back at the past 100 years, we can do so with pride as we consider the achievements of our forefathers. From tussock-covered wilderness they converted the land into the prosperous farms we have today. The rural villages at their hands have become a prosperous city and solid country towns.

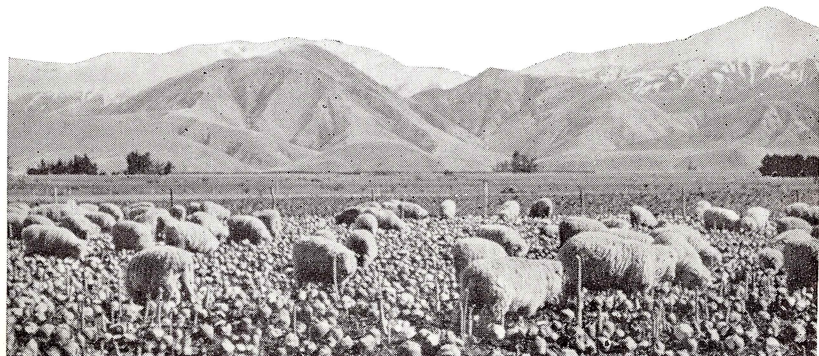
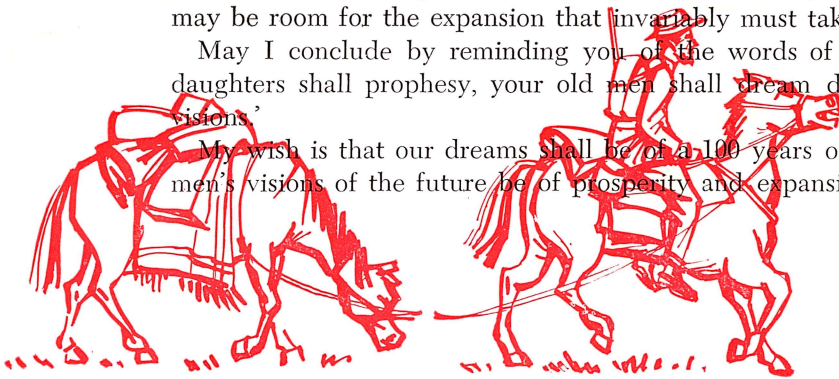
Having myself recently re-crossed the oceans they sailed across in frail sailing ships, buffeted by every storm, I, in the comfort of a modern passenger ship, can appreciate the faith they had in the future when they left home, kith and kin to establish South Canterbury. We today are reaping the rewards of their enterprise.

May we not be content to be satisfied with South Canterbury as we know it today but may we go forward into the second hundred years resolved to guard the inheritance that is ours. May we conserve the soil for our children so that it may be not impoverished but enriched. May our plans for development of our city and towns be visionary, so that there may be room for the expansion that invariably must take place.

May I conclude by reminding you of the words of the prophet Joel: 'Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.'

My wish is that our dreams shall be of a 100 years of achievement and may our young men's visions of the future be of prosperity and expansion for South Canterbury.

R. E. White.



The Progress of South Canterbury

Although the arrival of the immigrant ship "Strathallan" on January 14, 1859, is regarded as the foundation of South Canterbury, white settlement predated this event. The Rhodes Brothers had applied for a large block of land in June 1851 extending "between the Rivers Opihi and Makikihi being 15 miles along the coast and about the same inland". These boundaries were considerably modified in the later applications. Major Alfred Hornbrook of Temuka applied a few days later for the block described as "bounded on the north by the Oapi, south by the river Opihi, east by the native reserve at Horauana, inland on the west by the back range of hills". Other applicants followed and the lessees were soon living on and farming their land.

The site of Timaru had been excluded from the pastoral licence so that on the arrival of the immigrants sections were available for them although as no accommodation was available they had to remain on the "Strathallan" for an extra two days.

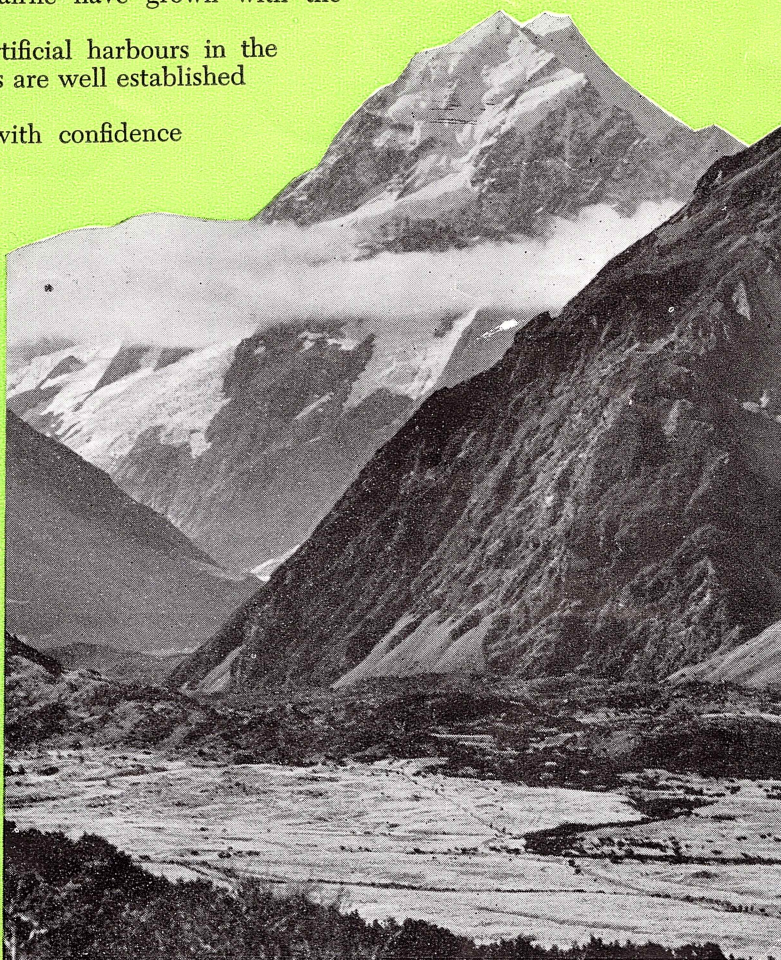
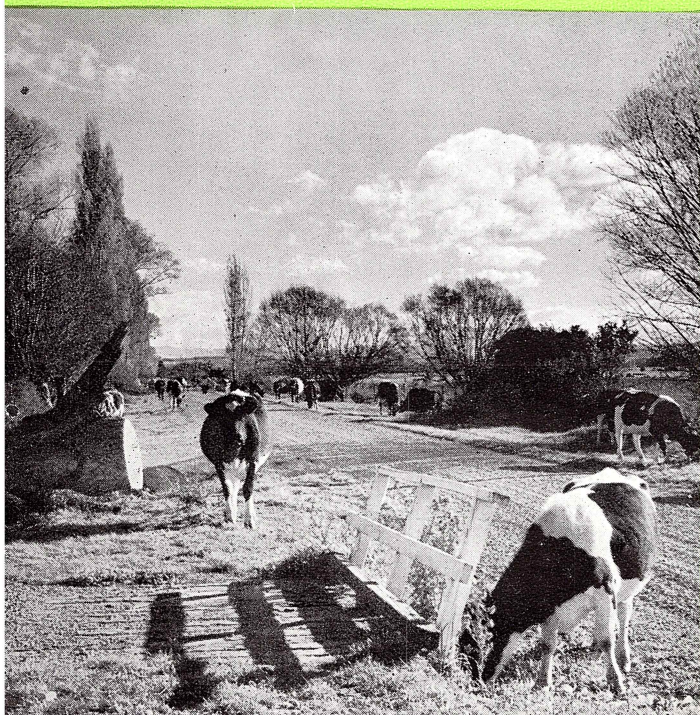
The district soon progressed and the development of the harbour enabled the graziers to ship their wool direct from Timaru. The development of the frozen meat industry and the erection of the freezing works at Smithfield and Pareora greatly increased the prosperity of the district.

The breaking up of the larger runs by the Government at the turn of the century enabled more intensive production to be carried out and encouraged closer settlement. South Canterbury has been well farmed during the past century. Mistakes have been quickly rectified and today the land is in good heart.

The capital city of Timaru and the boroughs of Waimate, Temuka and Geraldine and the county township of Fairlie have grown with the prosperity of the district.

Today Timaru has one of the finest artificial harbours in the Southern Hemisphere. Secondary industries are well established and the population is steadily growing.

South Canterbury can look forwards with confidence to the second century.



PROGRAMME



November
December

1958

Caroline Bay Carnival

December 26 — January 3

Melody-Makers' Concert Party

Games - - - Pets' Parade

"Miss Caroline Bay" Contest

Pat Kane's Dance Band

Historical Exhibition

Early Settlers' Museum

Perth Street

December 27 — March 31

NOVEMBER 1958

29 Official Opening, Centennial Year Film Premiere, Majestic Theatre

"INDISCREET"

co-starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman

— Also —

"SOUTH CANTERBURY SAGA"

30 Commemorative Church Services in all
South Canterbury Churches

DECEMBER 1958

1 Presentation of "Messiah" by the Combined Choral Societies of South Canterbury

Soloists —

Soprano : Sybil Phillips

Contralto : Carlene Shapcott

Tenor : Edmund Bohan

Bass : Donald Jack

6 Coronation Ceremony . . . CENTENNIAL QUEEN CARNIVAL Sound Shell Caroline Bay followed by Coronation Dance

13 "MISS NEW ZEALAND" Jantzen Bathing Beauty Contest for "Miss South Canterbury"

22 Carols by Candlelight, Botanical Gardens

26 - 31 Christmas Bowling Tournament, S.C.
Centre, N.Z. Bowling Association

27 S.C. Jockey Club's Race Meeting

27 - 28 Gleniti Golf Club's Meeting

27 - 31 National Esperanto Congress

29 S.C. Jockey Club's Race Meeting

29 440 yds. Harbour Race, Ken Mayo Cup



ANNIVERSARY WEEK

at Caroline Bay

JANUARY 1959

11 Thanksgiving Service, Sound Shell
conducted by Timaru Ministers'
Assn. Speaker: The Dean of
Christchurch, Very Reverend
Martin Sullivan.

12 Anniversary Day.

Morning:

Civic Reception, Official Guests.

Afternoon:

Re-enactment of Landing.

13 Navy Day — Arrival of H.M.S. Crane

14 Pioneers' Day.

15 Army Day

Afternoon:

Jungle Warfare.

Evening:

Searchlight Tattoo.

16 Children's Day.

17 *Morning:*

A Century of Transport Procession.
Centennial Trotting Meeting,
Timaru Trotting Club, Washdyke.

Evening:

Massed Scottish Country Dancing and
Pipe Band Display.

18 *Afternoon:*

Life Saving Demonstration and Car-
nival by Canterbury Surf Life Saving
Association.

PROGRAMME



January

1959



JANUARY 1959

- 1 Caledonian Centennial Sports Meeting
- 2 880yds Harbour Race — Tweedy Cup
- 6 1 Mile Harbour Race — Speechly Cup
- 10 Trotting Meeting, Washdyke
- 17 10th Anniversary of 3XC
- 28 Centennial Swimming Carnival
South End Swimming Club

From January 30 to February 1 (both days
inclusive) the Royal N.Z. Aero Club Annual
Pageant will be held at Timaru Airport.

FEBRUARY 1959

2 Promenade Concert, National Orchestra

4 S.C. Centennial Swimming Championships

6 Swimming Display, North End Baths, by
Australian University Team

FLORAL WEEK

9 - 11 Parks and Reserves Conference

10 - 11 Inter-Flora Annual Conference
including Mannequin Floral Display

11 - 14 Centennial Flower Show

14 Floral Procession

7 South Island Marching Championships

16 - 18 S.C. Car Club's Reliability Trials

17 Swimming Carnival, North End Swimming
Club

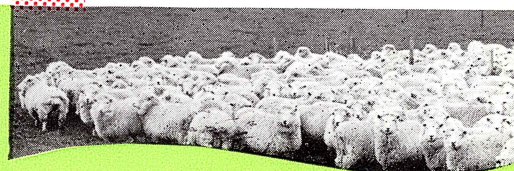
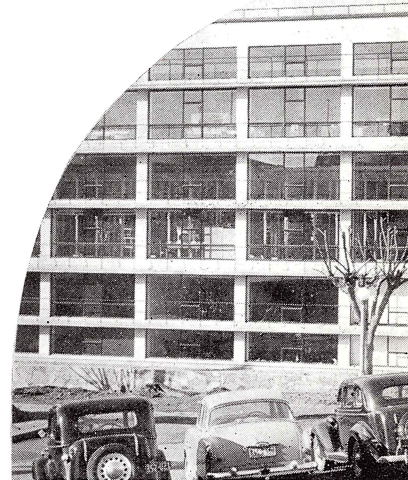
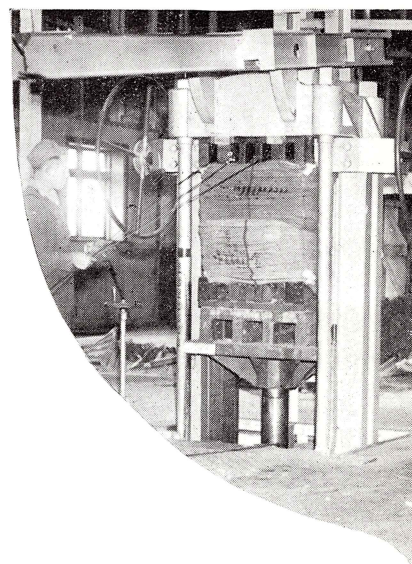
21 Scottish Country Dancing Display

21 N.Z. Hill Climb Car Championships

25 S.C. Primary Schools' Swimming
Championships

28 Gala Day, Caroline Bay — Rotary Club

Inter-Provincial Swimming Champion-
ships, Cullen Shield; North End Baths

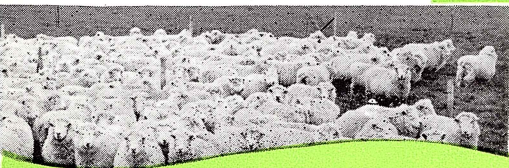
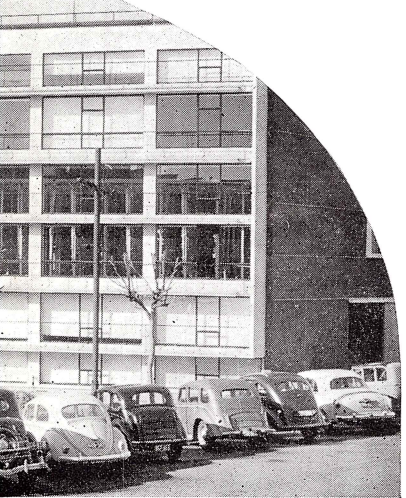
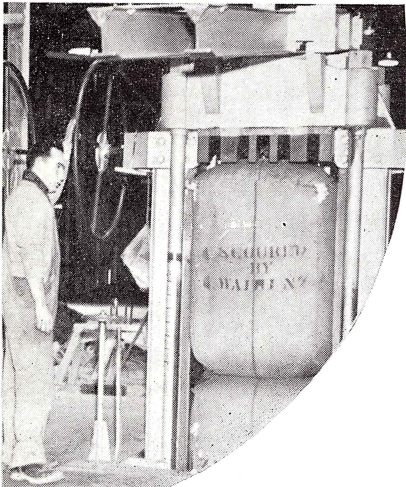


MARCH 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 Physical Culture Display by Teams from S.C. Secondary Schools
- 5 Festival Concert, Melbourne Staff Band of the Salvation Army.
- 5 - 7 N.Z. Amateur Cycling Championships.
- 9 - 13 Festival of Women — Everything to delight a woman's heart — fashions, make-up, colour, cooking, etc.
- 19 - 22 N.Z. Pipe Band Championships
- 28 Centennial Sports Meeting
- 28 - 30 South Island Archery Championships

- 1 - 5 S.C. Women's Bowling Tournament
- 2 French Mannequin Parade
- 2 - 3 Technical School and Boys High School Annual Swimming Sports
- 9 - 13 N.Z. Retailers' Annual Conference
- 11 Swimming Sports — Inter-secondary Schools
- 14 Timaru Trotting Club Meeting
- 14 - 15 Reunion Mounted Rifles, World War I
- 14 - 16 Conference of the Executives of the N.Z. Counties' Association and N.Z. Institute of County Clerks
- 18 Technical College Sports
- 21 Boys' High School Sports
- 25 Inter-secondary Schools Athletic Championships
- 28 - 29 South Island Model Planes Championships
- 28 - 29 Gleniti Golf Club's Easter Tournament
- 28 - 30 Easter Pairs Tournament — S.C. Bowling Centre
- 30 Model Planes Exhibition



PROGRAMME



April
May
June
July

APRIL 1959

4 - 13 Parades of Homes — Canada Street By S.C. Master Builders' Association

- 12 Combined Churches Service — Theatre Royal
- 18 Rodeo — South Island Championship
- 17 - 20 Conference of Electric Supply Authorities
- 18 - 19 Reunion — World War I Machine Gunners
- 29 - 31 All Churches Exhibition



MAY 1959

- 4 - 7 Chrysanthemum Show
- 16 Timaru Trottings Club's Meeting
- 19 - 27 "Show Boat" — Musical
Comedy produced by S.C.
Drama League

29 - 6 June Centennial Industries Fair

- 30 - 1 June Centennial Basketball
Tournament
- 31 - 1 June Indoor Bowls — South Island
Championships

JUNE 1959

26 Centennial Ball — C.F.C.A. Wool Store

5 Combined Masonic Lodges' Ball — Bay Hall

13 N.Z. Junior Chamber of Commerce — Annual Conference, Canterbury-Westland Region

16 - 18 Women's Division Federated Farmers Confce

19 Post and Telegraph Jubilee

20 Harriers — Oamaru-Timaru Road Race

22 - 25 Art Display — Primary and Secondary Schools

27 S.C. Jockey Club's Meeting

JULY 1959

Arts Festival

4 S.C. Jockey Club's Meeting

10 - 11 Timaru Canary and Cage Bird Club's Annual Show

14 - 16 N.Z. Beekeepers' Association Annual Confce

15 Music Festival — Post-primary Schools

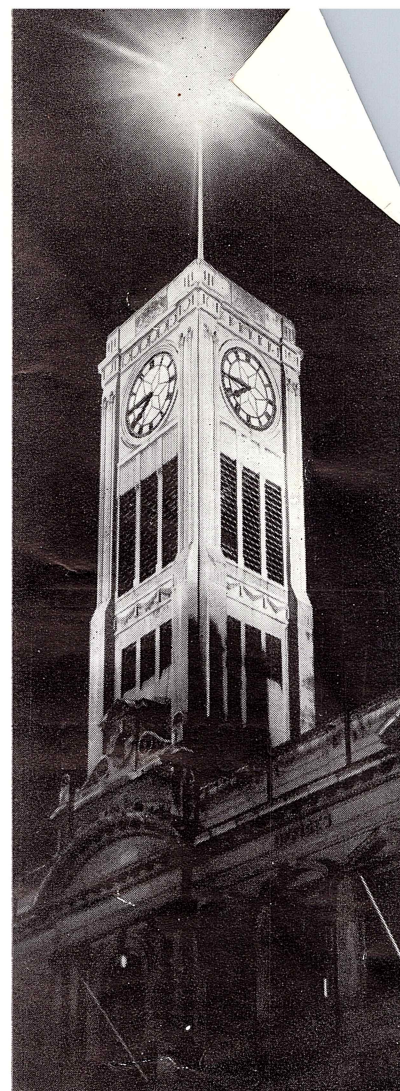
18 S.C. Jockey Club's Meeting

21 Rugby Match — T.B.H.S. v. St. Andrews B.H.S.

21 Plunket Conference — St. Patrick's Hall

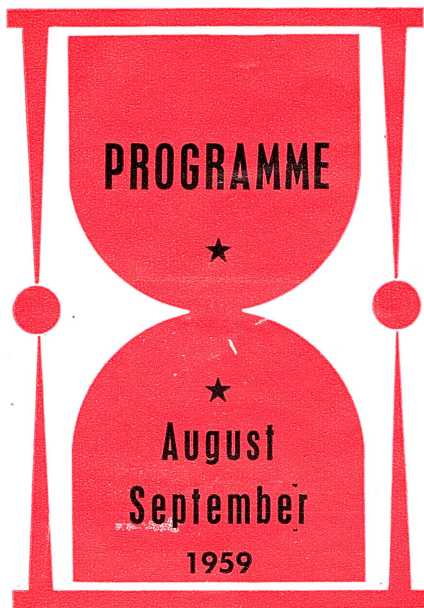
25 Harriers — Canterbury Championships

29 Music Festival — Primary Schools



AUGUST 1959

- 1 Women's Centennial Hockey Tournament
- 1 Rugby Match, T.B.H.S. v. Waitaki B.H.S.
- 1 - 8 Hobbies' Fair**
- 5 Music Festival, Technical College
- 13 - 14 All Canterbury Primary Schools Rugby and Basketball
- 14 - 16 Timaru Gun Club's S.C. Centennial Shoot
- 14 Centennial Sports Ball**
- 17 Rugby Match, T.B.H.S. v. Southland B.H.S.
- 19 - 20 7-a-side Rugby and Basketball, S.C. Primary Schools
- 27 Savage Club Wahines' Night
- 27 - 6 Sep N.Z. Ladies Hockey Tournament
- 29 Harriers, Junior Cross Country Championships and Temuka-Timaru Road Race



SEPTEMBER 1959

S.C. Arts Exhibition

- 12 Amateur Cycling, Christchurch-Timaru Road Race
- 12 - 13 National Conference, N.Z. Academy of Piping & Dancing
- 14 - 16 Licensed Victuallers' Assn. Golf Tournament
- 22 - 24 Free Kindergarten Association's National Conference
- 26 Harlequins Rugby Match**
- 26 N.Z. National Cash Cycle Championships, Timaru-Fairlie-Timaru, 75 miles
- 28 Gleniti Golf Club Women's Tournament
- 29 - 1 Oct Spring Flower Show, Horticultural Society
- 29 - 1 Oct. Technical Education Assn. of N.Z. Conference

OCTOBER 1959

10 - 22 Centennial Exhibition, Bay Hall

3 Cycling, Christchurch - Timaru Road Race

5 - 7 N.Z. Boxing Championships and Conference

6 - 9 South Island Local Bodies' Assn. Annual Conference

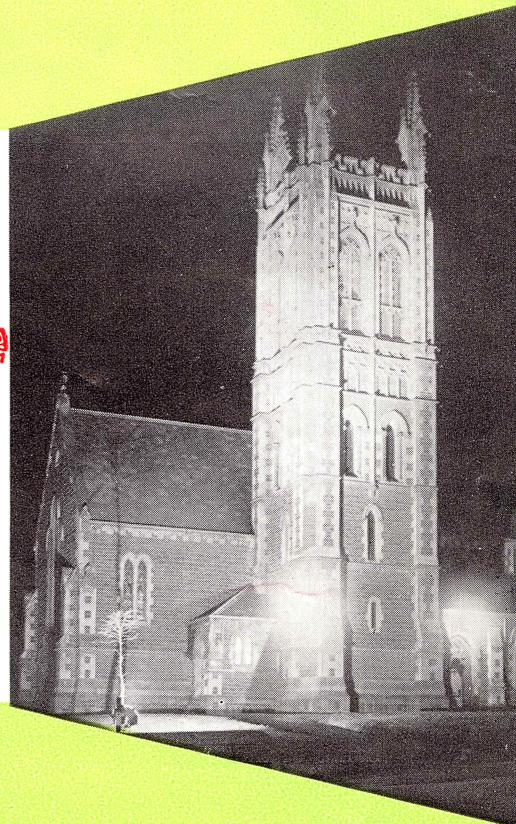
12 - 16 Anglican Synod

24 - 26 South Island Rally, Photographic Society

24 - 26 N.Z. Federation, Business & Professional Women's Clubs

24 - 26 Washdyke School Jubilee

30 - 31 A. & P. Centennial Show



NOVEMBER 1959

18 - 19 Summer Flower Show

21 Tabloid Sports Championships, S.C. Primary Schools

28 Centennial Sports Gymkhana

For Further Information, Consult the . . .

CENTENNIAL INFORMATION BUREAU

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TIMARU



- Feb 19 Geraldine Swimming Club's Centennial Carnival
- Feb 28 Geraldine Trotting Club's Meeting
- Sept 21 Geraldine Racing Club's Meeting
- Sept South Island 7-a-side Rugby, 5-a-side Hockey Tournaments at Geraldine
- Oct 17 Geraldine Racing Club's Meeting

GERALDINE, a very picturesque town, is set in a typical English countryside with hedgerows and English trees. The Waihi River flows through the town. Geraldine is the family name of the Fitzgeralds, perpetuating the name of James E. Fitzgerald, first Superintendent of the province of Canterbury.



TEMUKA, the fishermen's paradise, is a borough eleven miles north of Timaru. In easy distance are the Opihi, Waihi, Temuka and Orari Rivers which are excellent fishing rivers. Industry is well represented in the town by a pottery and insulator works and a wool scour. The name is a corruption of Te Umukaha which means "the hot oven". In the days of the Maori many ovens were situated on the banks of the river.



JANUARY 2
Temuka Caledonian Society Sports

FEBRUARY 26
Temuka Swimming Club's Centennial Carnival

MARCH 7
Temuka-Geraldine A. & P. Show
— Winchester

Dec 13 Waimate Trotting Club Meeting
 Dec 24 - 31 Waimate Monster Carnival
 Dec 26 Waimate Caledonian Society's Annual Sports
 Dec 27 St. Andrews Caledonian Society Meeting
 Feb 14 Waimate Club's Centennial Swimming Carnival
 Mar 30 Hook Annual Gymkhana
 May 23 Waimate Racing Club's Meeting
 July 11 Waimate Hunt Club's Meeting
 Sept Provincial Choirs Festival, Waimate
 Nov Waimate A. & P. Show
 Nov Opening Waimate Centennial Bridge



WAIMATE, the garden town of South Canterbury, was founded as a sawmill town but a disastrous fire not only burnt out the town but also burnt the bush. Recovery was slow but today it is a prosperous town with a population of 3,107. Scenic attractions include Waimate Gorge, Kelcey's Bush and Waihao Forks. The name is a contraction of Waimatemate and means "slowly moving waters".



FAIRLIE is a country township in the Mackenzie County. Having an altitude of 1,000 feet, the air is most invigorating. The town was originally named Fairlie Creek after Fairlie in Scotland.

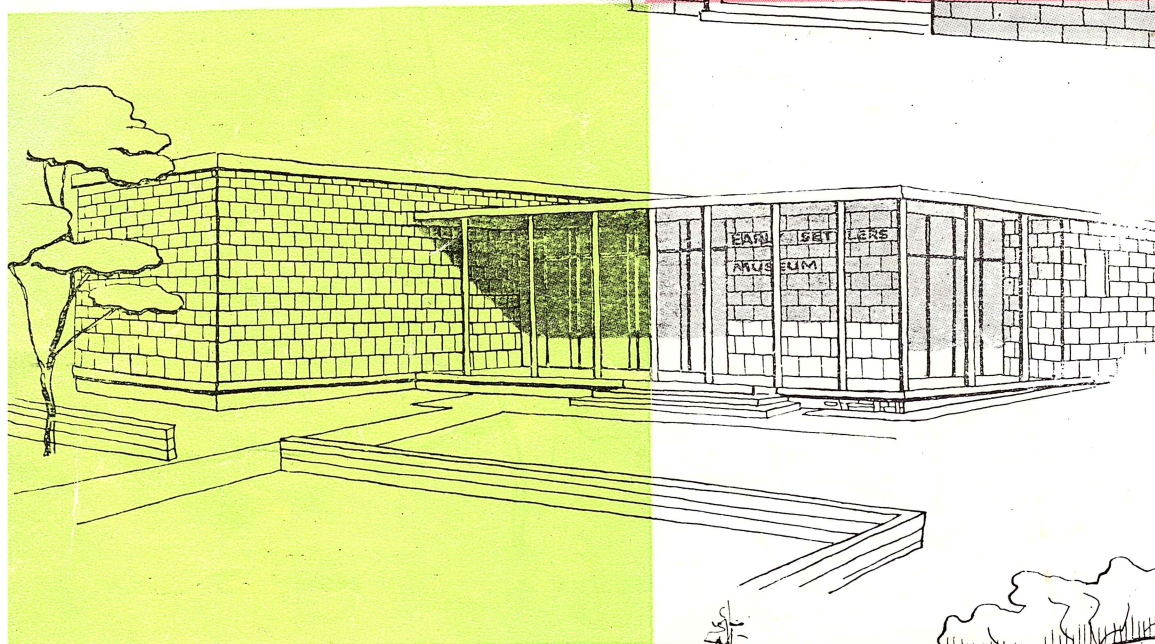
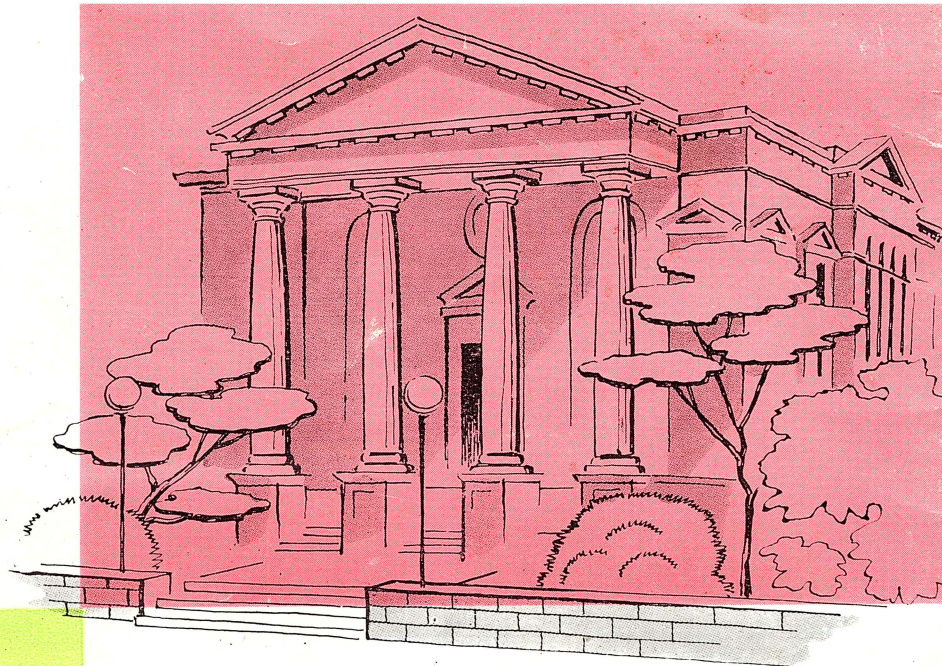
Mar 19 - 21 Mackenzie Collie Dog Club Trials
 Mar 30 Mackenzie A. & P. Show
 Apl 21 Fairlie Centennial Banquet
 Apl 22 Fairlie Centennial Sports Day
 Apl 23 Fairlie Centennial Grand Ball
 May 29 Fairlie R.S.A. Ball
 Sep 6 Mackenzie Men's Centennial Golf Championships
 Sep 7 Mackenzie Ladies' Centennial Golf Championships



THREE CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

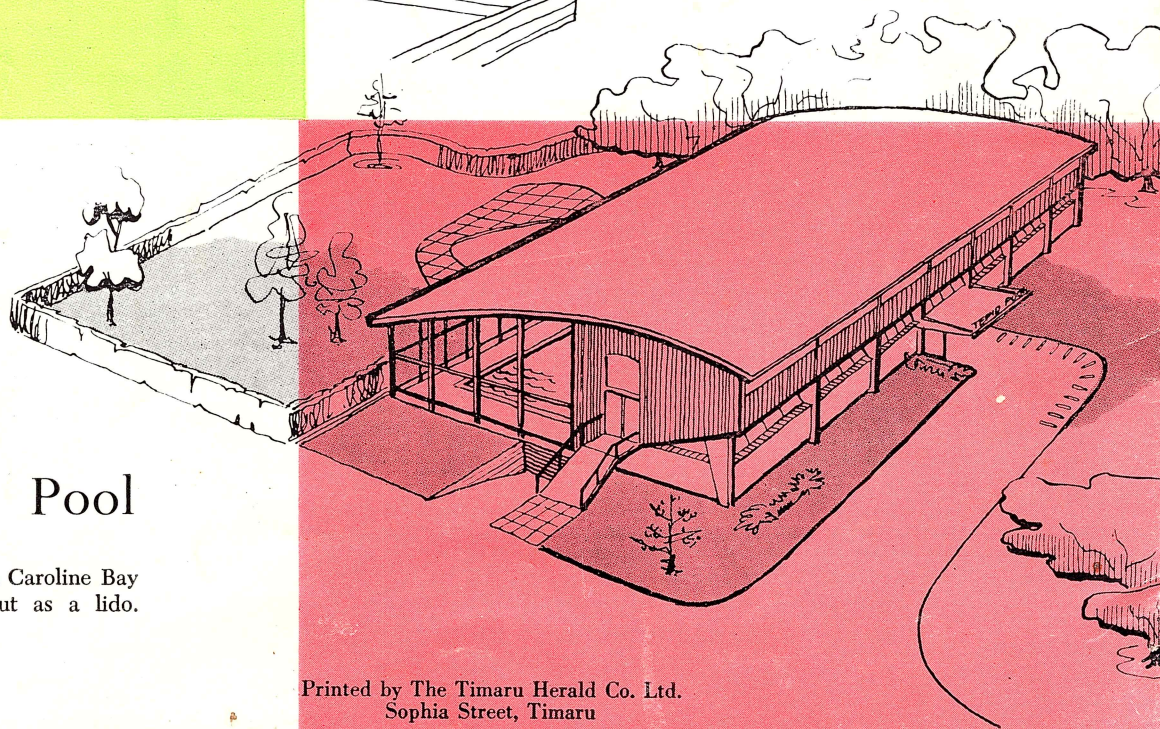
Concert Chamber

By the modernisation and alteration of the former Trinity Church and Hall, an intimate theatre and hall will be provided to serve the cultural needs of this and future generations.



Early Settlers' Museum

To be erected on Pioneer Hill on land bequeathed for the purpose by the late T. D. Burnett.



Tepid Pool

To be built on Caroline Bay and is laid out as a lido.